



Scoping Meeting

for the Program
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
for the 2004
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Tuesday, September 16th
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

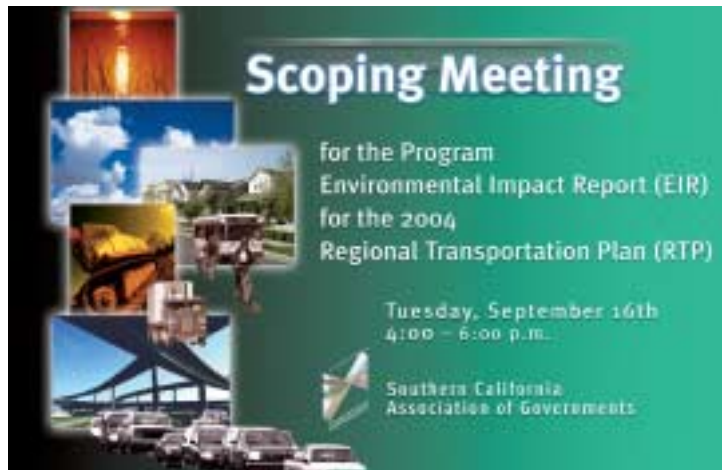


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Program EIR Scoping Meeting

Agenda

- Purpose of the scoping meeting
- Overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Schedule
- Scope and Content of the draft Program EIR
 - Regional-scale, programmatic environmental evaluation
 - Impact categories
 - Alternatives
- Public comments



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Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

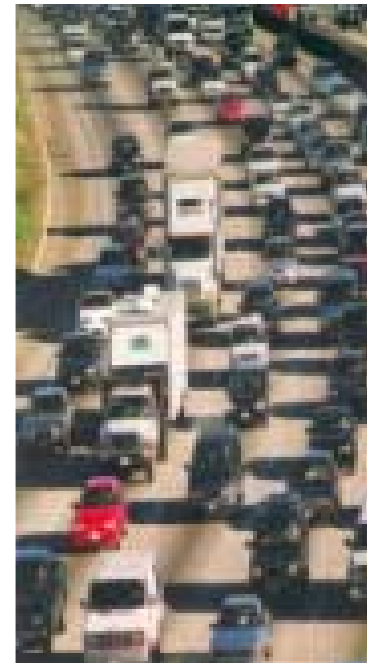
- Increase public participation
- Provide an opportunity for oral comments
- Solicit additional input on the scope and content of the Program EIR
- Appropriate comments will be incorporated into the draft Program EIR



Scoping Meeting Ground Rules

- Each Commenter will be allowed 3 minutes
- Comments can also be given on the comment cards
- Written comments on the Notice of Preparation will be accepted until September 25, 2003
- SCAG will not be responding to comments today





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Overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



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Transportation Future*



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What is the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)?

The RTP is a multi-billion dollar, multi-modal, long-range blueprint for the region's transportation system.

SCAG is required to update it every three years.

The 2004 Plan is entitled "Destination 2030."



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Why Does It Need To Be Updated?

- **State and Federal Law requires an update every 3 years**
- **Plan horizon must be moved out to 2030**
- **New growth data**
- **Adjustments to revenue forecast**
- **New Air Quality Plan**
- **Adjustments to Regional Airport Strategy**
- **Changes in Transportation priorities**



How Does It Get Implemented?

- **Via the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**
- **The RTIP identifies all projects proposed over a shorter-term, six-year period**
- **It is updated every two years**



RTP Goals

1. Maximize **mobility** and **accessibility** for all people and goods in the region
2. Ensure travel **safety** and **reliability** for all people and goods in the region
3. **Preserve** and ensure a **sustainable** regional transportation system
4. Maximize the **productivity** of our transportation system
5. Protect the **environment**, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency
6. Encourage **land use** and growth patterns that complement our transportation investments



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Investment Framework

- The adopted 2001 RTP will be the starting point
- Funding constraints will require tradeoffs between different priorities
- Different growth assumptions will require different strategies for transportation investments



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Four Main Strategies

- 1. System Management**
- 2. Demand Management**
- 3. Strategic System Expansion**
- 4. Integrating Land Use & Transportation**



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System Management

Taking care of what we have, and using it efficiently



- **System Maintenance**
- **Highway Productivity**
- **HOV Utilization**
- **Transit Productivity**



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Demand Management

Reducing the demands placed on our system



- Carpools
- Vanpools
- Telework



- Telecommuting
- Work-at-Home



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Strategic System Expansion

**Determining investment
allocation across modes
and boundaries**



Highways

Goods Movement

Transit

Aviation

Corridors

Maglev

Non-Motorized



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PILUT--Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation



Support integrated growth strategies:

- Improve regional jobs/housing balance
- Focus growth to better utilize existing and planned transportation investments
- Support infill development to revitalize existing communities into vibrant activity centers
- Ensure adequate access to open space

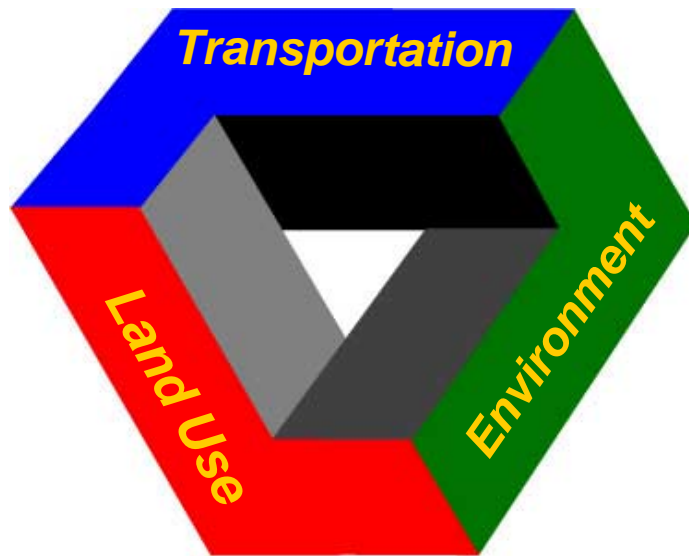


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Integration of CEQA with the RTP

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) declares that agencies:

- **Integrate planning with the CEQA process to “run concurrently, rather than consecutively” (§21003)**
- **Incorporate “mitigation measures into the plan” (§21081.6(b))**



PILUT

Planning for Integrated Land
Use and Transportation



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Schedule for the RTP and the Program EIR

- Notice of Preparation (June 9-Sep. 25, 2003)
- Scoping Meeting (Sep. 16, 2003)
- TCC approves release of the draft RTP (October 2, 2003)
- EEC approves release of draft PEIR (December 4, 2003)
- Release Draft Program EIR for 45 days Public review (Dec 2003)
- RTP/PEIR Joint Public Hearing (Jan 2004)
- RC certifies Final Program EIR and adopts the RTP (April 1, 2004)



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Scope and Level of Environmental Analysis

- Program EIR (PEIR)—first tier, programmatic CEQA document
- Evaluates regional-scale environmental effects
- Includes alternatives and mitigation measures to offset potentially significant effects
- Project-level, site-specific analysis will be conducted by implementing agencies as projects in the Plan are developed



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Impact Categories for the Draft PEIR



- Land Use
- Population, Employment, and Housing
- Transportation
- Air Quality
- Water Resources
- Noise
- Public Service and Utilities
- Cultural Resources
- Biological Resources
- Geology
- Energy
- Hazardous Materials
- Visual/Aesthetic Resources



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RTP EIR Alternatives

Each RTP/EIR Alternative includes:

- **Transportation investments**
- **Transportation programs and policies**
- **Urban form strategies**
- **Resulting growth projection**



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CEQA requires a "reasonable range" of alternatives to the proposed Plan

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15126.6 require Alternatives that:

- **Fulfill most of the basic objectives of the Plan**
- **Are potentially feasible**
- **Reduce or minimize adverse environmental effects**



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RTP EIR Alternatives

There is no ironclad rule to the number or type of alternatives except CEQA §15126.6 requires evaluation of:

- **No Project Alternative--reasonably foreseeable without the RTP,**
- **Environmentally superior alternative, and**
- **Generally 1-3 additional EIR alternatives**



RTP EIR Alternatives

**Preliminary RTP EIR
alternatives include:**

- **No Project Alternative**
- **2001 RTP Modified**
- **PILUT 1/Infill**
- **PILUT 2/5th Ring**
- **Growth Vision (Hybrid)**



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Comments

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